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ANALYSIS OF THE C CLASS SSN AND THE OLD FIVE-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL AT GORKIY SHIPYARD 112 INDICATES THAT ONLY ONE OF THE TEN BUILDING WAYS AT THIS CONSTRUCTION HALL IS CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING C CLASS SSN. THIS BUILDING WAY (TWO BUILDING POSITIONS), LOCATED IN THE CENTER BAY OF THE CONSTRUCTION HALL, HAS HAD ITS LAUNCH TRACK MOVED APPROXIMATELY

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CLOSER TO THE CENTER OF THE BAY PRIOR TO THE SUMMER OF 1965. THE MOVEMENT OF THIS TRACK APPARENTLY PROVIDED CLEARANCE FOR THE STERN ASSEMBLY OF THE C CLASS SSN WHICH HAS A SPAN OF . THE MAXIMUM SPAN OF A STERN ASSEMBLY WHICH CAN BE ACCOMMODATED BY THE OTHER NINE WAYS, WHICH REMAIN IN THEIR ORIGINAL POSITIONS, IS

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AS OF JUNE 1969, FOUR C CLASS UNITS HAD BEEN LAUNCHED FROM SHIPYARD 112. THEIR APPROXIMATE LAUNCH DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNIT 1 - BETWEEN
UNIT 2 - BETWEEN
UNIT 3 - BETWEEN
UNIT 4 - BETWEEN

THE TIMING OF THESE LAUNCHES SUGGESTS THAT UNIT 3 OR UNIT 4 MAY HAVE BEEN FROM THE NEW THREE-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL DIRECTLY ACROSS THE MAIN TRANSVERSER FROM THE OLD FIVE-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL. THE SOUTHWEST TWO BAYS OF THE THREE-BAY CONSTRUCTION HALL WERE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR THE KEEL OF UNIT 3 TO HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN DURING THE WINTER OF 1966-67, OR UNIT 4 TO HAVE BEEN LAID DOWN DURING THE SUMMER OR FALL OF 1967.

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